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# **SENATE BILL 1256**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 45-333, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COLORADO RIVER WATER USE FEES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 45-333, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4       45-333. Colorado river water use fee: purpose

5       A. The director may assess and collect annual Colorado river water use  
6 fees from each person who diverts and consumptively uses water in this state  
7 from the mainstream of the Colorado river as recorded in the final  
8 accounting. This fee does not apply to persons who ~~have entered into, and~~  
9 ~~are in compliance with,~~ ARE PAYING FEES AND ARE CURRENT IN THEIR PAYMENTS  
10 UNDER agreements with a multi-county water conservation district and other  
11 parties for participation in the lower Colorado river multispecies  
12 conservation program with respect to the use of Colorado River water.

13       B. The director shall set the amount of a fee under this section each  
14 year according to the guidelines in section 45-334.

15       C. Any monies collected pursuant to this section shall be segregated  
16 from other revenues and deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in  
17 a fund designated as the Colorado river water use fee clearing account. Each  
18 month, on notification by the director, the state treasurer shall pay all of  
19 the monies in the clearing account to an account designated by a multi-county  
20 water conservation district established under title 48, chapter 22 to be used  
21 solely for the lower Colorado river multispecies conservation program and for  
22 no other purpose.